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The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) No, Sir. The Labour Officer, Tirunelveli, however, received a petition, dated 22nd July 1955, from Sri Padagalingam Pillai and a letter, dated 24th July 1955, from the National Textile Workers' Union regarding the dismissal of Sri Padagalingam Pillai from Sri Ganapathy Mills, Thalaiyuthu.

(b) Conciliation was held and the Government, after considering the report decided that there was no case for adjudication. The Union has been informed accordingly.

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : பிராசிகூஷன் ஒத்தி வைத்ததற்குப் பிறகு தொழிலாளர்களுக்கும் முதலாளிகளுக்கும் சமாதானம் ஏற்படவில்லை. அதனால் பிராசிகூஷன் நடவடிக்கை மீண்டும் முதலாளிகளின் பேரில் எடுக்கவேண்டும் என்று சர்க்காருக்கு தகவல் வந்ததா ?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM இந்த உப கேள்வி முன் கேள்விக்குப் போட்டிருக்கவேண்டும். இருந்தாலும் அதற்குத் தனிக் கேள்வி போட்டால் அதற்கு பதில் சொல்லுகிறேன்.

Sri K. P. GOPALAN : The Hon. Minister did not say in his reply whether the management obtained the signatures of mill labourers in blank papers with the help of the police. May I know what he has got to say on that point?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : All these were original complaints. But the Government found that an enquiry was duly held. There was no flaw in the enquiry. The Government could not interfere because it was a matter of discipline.

* 2803 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any conciliation report from the Labour Officer, Kozhikode, regarding the labour dispute between the workers and the management of Chenoli Mills, Kunhimangalam, North Malabar, on the question of bonus; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have referred the dispute for adjudication.

*Pay of menials in panchayats*

* 2804 Q.—Sri G. GOVINDAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether representations were made to raise the basic pay of menials working in panchayats to Rs. 20 ?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : No, Sir.

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : May I know the minimum wage that is paid to a menial working in a panchayat and whether the Government think that with that wage he could live in a decent condition?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The minimum wage fixed under the Minimum Wages Act for sanitary workers is Rs. 25 per mensem, all inclusive.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : May I know from the Hon. Minister what the basic salary is and what the allowance is under the Minimum Wages Act? Do the Government think that with this income it will be possible for a human being to live and will the Government be pleased to enhance the minimum wage?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Minimum wages have been fixed by the Central Government.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : From the evasion of the Hon. Minister, it is obvious that the wage must be less than Rs. 20. May I ask him to have the wage fixed on a more socialistic scale?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : It may be considered under the new set-up.

*Trunk-calls booked in Ramanathapuram Collectorate*

* 2805 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total expenditure incurred on trunk-calls by the Collectorate of Ramanathapuram for the month of March 1955; and

(*b*) how many calls were booked during the said month for places outside India like Ceylon and to whom such calls were booked?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Rs. 103.

(*b*) No trunk-call has been booked during the said month for places outside India.

*Tamil students in Anantapur Engineering College*

* 2806 *Q.*—SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHI GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many students were selected from the Tamil districts and sent to Anantapur Engineering course (B.E.) in the year 1953;

(*b*) how many of them were given merit scholarships;

(*c*) whether they received that scholarship now also;

(*d*) if not, why; and

(*e*) what steps the Government have taken to continue those scholarships to them?

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